

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

August 9, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN BOB EDWARDS. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LARRY WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; SANDY CHASTAIN, Community Relations Specialist; GLENN KOST, CIP Manager; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; ABDOUL GAFOUR, Water Utility Supervisor; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 26, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

EDNSP: Performing Arts
Center Update (at Renton High
School)

Char Baker, member of the Performing Arts Center Funding Committee, described efforts to date to raise \$1.5 million to upgrade the auditorium at Renton High School to a first-class performing arts facility that would fulfill vital civic and cultural needs in the community. Explaining that the Renton School District is finalizing plans for major renovations at the high school, she said the opportunity exists now to replace the planned auditorium with a state-of-the-art venue that could be used for symphony performances, musicals, plays and dance programs.

Ms. Baker said the funds to upgrade the facility must be raised now, as construction will begin next summer. The City Council committed to contributing \$400,000 toward the project if the balance is secured from other sources. IKEA donated \$500,000 in exchange for naming rights, and First Savings Bank of Renton and the Behnke Foundation have each given \$25,000. Many other contributions have brought the grand total thus far to \$1,068,826.97. Ms. Baker said this amount does not include in-kind donations, verbal commitments of \$75,000, or grant requests which total \$600,000.

To make contributing to this project as feasible as possible for everyone who wants to help, Ms. Baker announced a plan whereby individuals can spread their donation over a three-year period. She asked that anyone interested in donating call her at 425-255-5145.

Police: Volunteer Recognitions

Chief of Police Garry Anderson and Community Program Coordinator Cyndie Driggers presented plaques of appreciation to the following Police Department volunteers: Deeon Kuspert, who was selected as the volunteer of the second

quarter and who has donated more than 1,700 hours of service since 1989; Joe Diambri, who has given 639 hours and who works four to five days per week; and Margaret Barlow, who also works four or five days a week and has donated 1,500 hours to the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✧ A new exhibit at the Renton Historical Museum showcases Renton's city services, exploring the history of each division within the governmental makeup of Renton.
- ✧ Renton's team finished second in the 14th annual Northwest Lifeguard Challenge held last week at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.
- ✧ Also last week the Police Department helped twenty Renton neighborhoods participate in National Night Out with potlucks, barbecues and other social activities.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Morgan –
Renton River Days, Events &
Vendors in the Downtown

Russ Morgan, 214 Williams Ave. N., Renton, 98055, co-owner of Tuttolini's Sports Bar, suggested that the visiting vendors and merchants who ply their wares at Liberty Park during the Renton River Days community festival should instead set up their booths in the downtown area. Mr. Morgan explained that while River Days is Renton's largest annual community festival, it does not significantly benefit downtown stores and businesses because most of the activities take place on the other side of the river. He also expressed an interest in serving on the River Days steering committee to represent the interests of downtown business owners.

Councilmember Nelson noted that the River Days committee allocates \$2,000 to Citizens for Piazza Renton to coordinate the annual piazza party held on Burnett after the Saturday parade. She added that the River Days bike criterion is specifically sited in the downtown in the hope that spectators will frequent area businesses before and after the event. Ms. Nelson concluded that the River Days committee is always open to suggestions on how the festival can be improved, and she welcomed input from Mr. Morgan.

Councilman Corman commented that the downtown park (or piazza) will be completed next year, after which time it may be feasible to shift more of the River Days activities from Liberty Park to the downtown.

CONSENT AGENDA

CAG: 99-078, Emergency
Power Upgrades to Water
Pump Stations, JR Electric

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/20/99 for CAG-99-078, Emergency Power Upgrades to Water Pump Stations; five bids; engineer's estimate \$80,107.70; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, JR Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$107,170.82. Council concur.

CAG: 99-100, 200 Mill Ave S
Building Marblecrete Repair,
JPL Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/29/99 for CAG-99-100, 200 Mill Ave. S. Building Marblecrete Repair; three bids; engineer's estimate \$69,504.00; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, JPL Construction, in the amount of \$77,126.00. Council concur.

CAG: 99-082, City Hall
Parking Garage Access Ramp,
Gary Merlino Construction

City Clerk reports bid opening on 7/28/99 for CAG-99-082, City Hall Parking Garage Access Ramp; four bids; engineer's estimate \$1,877,843.00; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Gary Merlino Construction Co., in the amount of \$1,721,527.00. Council concur.

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| CAG: 99-077, Highlands Neighborhood Center Reconstruction, CHY4 Inc | City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/27/99 for CAG-99-077, Highlands Neighborhood Center Reconstruction; 11 bids; engineer's estimate \$850,000.00; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, CHY4, Inc., in the amount of \$802,000.00. Council concur. |
| CAG: 99-097, Downtown Park & Gateway Project | City Clerk reports bid opening on 8/03/99 for CAG-99-097, Downtown Park & Gateway Construction; three bids; engineer's estimate \$1,046,605.00. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> for discussion of funding. |
| City Clerk: City Code & Development Regulations Fees | City Clerk recommended approval of an ordinance increasing charges for copies of the City Code and Development Regulations, and eliminating references to maps that are no longer sold. Council concur. (See page 278 for ordinance.) |
| Parks: Ron Regis Park Athletic Fields, IAC Grant | Community Services Department requested authorization to apply for a \$200,000 grant (50% of the estimated project cost) from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for athletic field construction at Ron Regis Park. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> . |
| Development Services: Klinefelter Short Plat ROW Dedication (Meadow Ave N & N 40th St), SHP-99-041 | Development Services Division recommended accepting a dedication of right-of-way on the east side of Meadow Ave. N. near N. 40th St. to fulfill requirements for the Klinefelter short plat (SHP-99-041). Council concur. |
| EDNSP: Outdoor Empire Publishing Tax-Exempt Financing (New Facility at 1200 Monster Rd) | Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Department recommended that Council approve the provision of tax-exempt financing from the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority for the proposed Outdoor Empire Publishing, Inc. facility at 1200 Monster Road. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> . |
| Technical Services: Bouganville Condominium Conversion, NE 12th St ROW Dedication | Technical Services Division recommended accepting a dedication of right-of-way on NE 12th St. to fulfill a requirement for the Bouganvilla Condominium conversion. Council concur. |
| Transportation: Hiring Above Step C for Certain Positions | Transportation Systems Division sought authorization to hire a Civil Engineer (I-III), Engineering Specialist (I-III) and Program Coordinator (I-II) above Step C on the pay scale, if needed (possible budget impact would be up to \$6,000 per year). Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> . |
| Transportation: Transit Signal Priority & Traffic Control Center Projects, Bucher Willis & Ratliff Architectural Services | Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$150,000 with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff (BWR) for engineering and architectural services on the Transit Signal Priority and Traffic Control Center projects. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> . |

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler noted a correction from the printed agenda to item 7.g., which will be referred to the Community Services Committee.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE CORRECTION TO ITEM 7.g. CARRIED.

Responding to Councilman Clawson, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman explained that the emergency power upgrades to the water pump stations will retrofit the stations with hook-ups for leased generators to ensure water service in the event that Y2K-related electrical

problems arise next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Labrador Ventures - Reimbursement for Oversizing the Sewer Main at Clover Creek

Correspondence was read from Bradley K. Hughes, General Manager, Labrador Ventures, PO Box 3344, Kirkland, 98083, requesting a latecomer agreement for reimbursement of costs to oversize a sewer main at the Clover Creek development on Lake Washington Boulevard at the City's request. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Citizen Comment: Gary Merlino Construction Co - Downtown Park & Gateway Project (Bid Protest)

Correspondence was read from Brian Kittleson, vice president of Gary Merlino Construction Co., 9125 - 10th Ave. S., Seattle, 98108, formally protesting the bid submitted by A-1 Landscaping for the City's Downtown Park & Gateway project. Mr. Kittleson claimed that due to lack of experience with Portland cement concrete (PCC) paving, A-1 Landscaping cannot meet this project's required qualifications for high-quality concrete work. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.** (Also see page 277, consent agenda, for more information on this subject.)

OLD BUSINESS

Planning & Development Committee

Planning: Off-Street Parking Changes in Multi-Family Zones

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending that Council set a public hearing on August 23, 1999 on the proposed parking code amendments to Title IV modifying off-street parking regulations in the RM-N, RM-C and RM-I zones, standardizing dwelling type nomenclature, and providing for tandem parking. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 173181 - 173639 and two wire transfers in the total amount of \$2,014,140.58; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 20655 - 20981 and 522 direct deposits in the total amount of \$1,016,569.76. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Clerk: City Code & Development Regulations Fees

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 8/16/99 for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending subsections 5-1-2.A and D of Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by increasing fees. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/16/99. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Finance: MVET Initiative & Possible Budget Ramifications

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler asked that Council receive a briefing as soon as possible on the statewide initiative that will be before voters in November which proposes to replace the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax with a flat \$30 fee per vehicle. Suggesting that this information be given to the public so voters can consider it in making their decision on this matter, she questioned if the City should prepare dual budgets this year in the event that the initiative is approved.

Replying that staff has already analyzed this matter, Mayor Tanner said the information will be made available to Council at its next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 40 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LABOR

NEGOTIATIONS AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION. CARRIED. Time: 8:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL
ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:01 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
August 9, 1999